Gen. Lee on Duty, a Character-

istic Letter Written to His

Son in 1852. The death of Gen. G. W. C. Lee, eldest son of Gen. R. E. Lee, chron-

icled in the Sun of February 19, re-

called to mind a private letter of

the famous general written to this

son, under date of April 5, 1852,

when Custis Lee was a cadet at the

United States military academy at

West Point and which was found

at Arlington House during the civil

war. The letter throughout is char-

acterized by conciseness, concinnity

and clarity, and on this account

should find a place in any antholo-

gy as a masterpiece of correct Eng-

lish and a model of parental char-

'Arlington House, April 5, 1852.

"My dear son I am just in the act

of leaving home for New Mexico.

My old regiment has been ordered

to that distant region and I must

hasten to see that they are properly

taken care of. I have but little to

add in reply to your letters of

March 26, 27 and 28. Your letters

breathe a true spirit of frankness.

They have given myself and your

mother great pleasure. You must

study to be frank with the world;

frankness is the child of honesty

and courage. Say what you mean to

do on every occasion, and take it for

grant it, if it is reasonable; if not,

tell bim plainly why you cannot.

You will wrong him and wrong

kind. Never do a wrong thing to

make a friend or keep one; the man

who requires you to do so is dearly

do not appear to others what you

is no more dangerous experiment

than that of undertaking to be one

thing before a man's face and an-

other behind his back. We should

live, act and say nothing to the in-

jury of any one. It is not only best

as a matter of principle, but it is

"Deal kindly, but firmly with

acter building advice:



(Conducted by the National Woman's Chris-tian Temperance Union.)

AFTER YOUR BOY AND MINE

Wolf of Strong Drink Is Crouching Beside Cradle of Sleeping Blue-

Eyed Darling.

"The liquor people are after your boy and mine, and you cannot settle this question on the principle of high or low license. It is a principle that does not settle anything by the standard of right and wrong and until it is settled this way the liquor people will continue to be after you, after your boys and girls and after mine. And I want to say to you fathers and mothers, that you have not in your midst tonight a single cradle wherein is sleeping a blue-eyed darling, but that beside that cradle is crouching the wolf of strong drink, said Judge J. C. McWhorter of West Virginia in a reent speech. "You have not a child that runs romping and playing, but that over it hovers the vulture of the saloon. You cannot send one of your children upon an errand upon the street tonight, but that the serpent of strong drink is following upon his trail. From out the shadows and darkness ali about you, there is reaching the gaunt and bony hand of the saloon after your boys and girls, and the saloon must have these boys and girls for the money it pays the state, or go out of business. The question is whether you want to supply the children or whether you want somebody else to supply them."

## LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN NIGERIA

Women Have Become So Degraded That They Pawn Their Children to Get Gin.

One of the saddest facts in connection with the liquor traffic is that said traffic is destroying the work of all the foreign missionary organizations of the world. It was the writer's privilege to be in London July 11, 1911, when a delegation of one hundred missionary representatives laid the matter before the British cabinet, requesting the British government to call a conference of the world powers in regard to Africa. Bishop Tugwell, a bishop of the Church of England, whose diocese is northern and southern Nigeria, said: "The women have become so degraded that they pawn their children to get gin."

The conference of world powers was called Japuary, 1912. England. Germany and one or two other powers were willing to stop this destruction of missionary work, but France and Belgium and Holland refused to stop the sale to the natives.-Hervey Wood in the National Advocate.

### WORKINGMAN AND SALOON

Total Abstainer Has Preference Because He Can Be Relied Upon to Be at His Work.

I have worked in the factories, mills and mines of this country for many long years, and have seen the effect of the liquor traffic upon the security of the workingman's employment. In all legitimate occupation the total abstainer has the preference. for he can be relied upon to be at his work when he is expected, and not spend one-third or one-half of the first part of each week in getting over the influences of a drunken carousal. The railroad companies will not employ an engineer or a conductor that frequents the saloon, and in many other industrial walks the same rule obtains. Everyone backs such corporations up in this stand, and the workingmen are beginning to realize what such a practice means to them. When they fully appreciate the situation. there will be an absolute end to the liquor traffic.

### IS IT RIGHT?

Is it right to build churches to save men, and at the same time license shops that destroy men?

Is it right to license a man to sell that which will make a man drunk, and then punish the man for being

Is it right to license a man to make paupers, and then to tax sober men

to take care of them? Is it right to license a saloon to teach vice and then to tax people for

schools to teach virtue? Is it right to derive a revneue out of a traffic which no decent man de-

fends? Is it right to teach your boy to be honest, and then vote to license a place where he may be taught to

Is it right to take care of your own boy, and vote to license a place which will ruin your neighbor's boy? Is it right to preach justice and charity, and then vote to license a

thing which robs the widows and orphans of their bread?-Exchange.

### No Government Bar.

The Canadian government, following the lead of the United States, recently prohibited the sale of intoxicating liquors in the army canteens. The liquor dealers have been making subthe attempts to restore the army groggeries, but Colonel Hughes, minister of militia, has put a quietus on the movement, stating that the "government will not act as bartender to serve drinks to fellows who are foolish enough to be addicted to the

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"We must use our heads for century. something more than hat racks," as Dr. H. Q. Alexander puts it. A man must be as much ashamed of of old Hosea in bewailing the plight being mentally lazy as of being physically lazy. A man must be as such must be the cry, day after day, policy which wears best. Above all, much asnamed of not providing month after month, and year after or body-food. We must be able to ern farmers. Our people are dediscuss all the great subjects affecting our prosperity as ably and con- ucation-universal education, comfidently as the merch int or the pulsory education, practical educabanker.

Our people who can read must country schools must be made as read more, and the young who cangood as our city schools-and as not read must be taught-all of well adapted to the life of the peo- them. The last census showed that ple they serve. "Knowledge is there was exactly six times as much tion we dream of can be wrought power," and our farmers must get illiteracy among native whites in out.-Progressive Farmer.

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lack of knowledge," was the lament purchased at a sacrifice. of Israel long centuries ago, and your classmates. You will find it the year, of every man whose heart are not. If you have any fault to stroyed for lack of knowledge. Edcation suited to farm life: this is what we must come to before the farmer can secure his rights and before the splendid rural civiliza-

Education the Supreme Need, the power of knowledge from books the country as among native whites granted you mean to do right. If a and magazines and newspapers as in the town. Not until our coun- friend asks a favor, you should thoroughly as our town classes have try people have school facilities ucation. We can never get our peo- done. Frequent meetings, lectures, equal to those in towns can they and addresses must stimulate meet the townspeople on equal terms prises as they should; we can never thought and disseminate knowledge and maintain their rights in the yourself by equivocation of any

"My people are destroyed for

### the path of peace and honor. In regard to duty, let me, in conclusion, of this hasty letter, inform you that nearly a hundred years ago there was a day of remarkable gloom and darkness-still known as the dark day, a day when the light of the sun was slowly extinguished, as if in an eclipse. The legislature of Connecticut was in session, and as

its members saw the uxexpected and unrecountable darkness coming on they shared in the general awe and terror. It was supposed by many that the last day, the day of judgment had come. Some one in the consternation of the hour, moved an adjournment. Then there arose an old Puritan legislator, Davenport, of Stamford, and said that if the last day had come he desired to be found at his place doing his duty, and therefore moved that can-

"There was quietness in that man's soul, the quietness of heavenly wisdom and inflexible willingness

could proceed with its duty.

dles be brought in so that the house

to present duty.

Duty then, is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things like the old Puritan. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less. Never let me and your mother wear one gray hair for any lack of duty on your part.

Your affectionate father. R. E. Lee.

G. W. Curtis Lee."

How simple, true and honest R. E. Lee appears in this letter. What a noble and conscientious character stands revealed in the tenderness of his devoted paternal solicitude and the grandeur of his terse maxims .-New York Sun.

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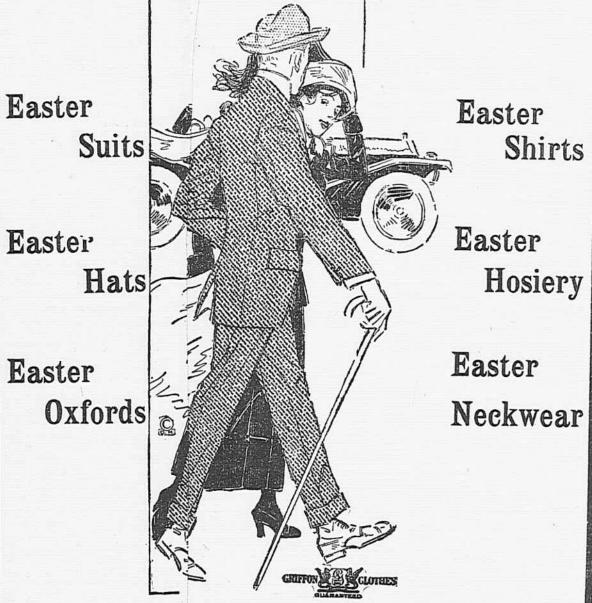
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